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Applicant LIVEDO CORPORATION			

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>																								

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-28	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

[Documents cited in the ISR]

Document 1: "Royal Network Co., Ltd. enters nursing-care related market – cleaning cloth diaper", Nikkei Business Diary, 27 September, 2000 (27.09.00), page 13
 Document 2: JP, 3081774, U (Osaki Eisei Zairyo KK), 29 August, 2001 (29.08.01), full text (Family: none)
 Document 3: JP, 2003-208207, A (Sharp Corp.), 25 July, 2003 (25.07.03), full text (Family: none)
 Document 4: JP, 2002-324143, A (Fujitsu Ten Ltd.), 08 November, 2002 (08.11.02), full text (Family: none)
 Document 5: JP, 2002-123654, A (Mitsubishi Material Corp.), 26 April, 2002 (26.04.02), full text (Family: none)
 Document 6: JP, 2003-141256, A (Michiko Tanaka), 16 May, 2003 (16.05.03), full text (Family: none)
 Document 7: JP, 2003-58759, A (Daio Paper Corp.), 28 February, 2003 (28.02.03), full text (Family: none)
 Document 8: JP, 2002-150057, A (Medical Care Center KK), 24 May, 2002 (24.05.02), full text (Family: none)
 Document 9: JP, 2003-182849, A (Toshiba Eng Co., Ltd.), 03 July, 2003 (03.07.03), full text (Family: none)
 Document 10: JP, 2002-73805, A (Kao Corp.), 12 March, 2002 (12.03.02), full text (Family: none)

[Explanation]

Claims 1-4 (documents 1 and 2)

A diaper with a non-contact IC tag is described in the aforesaid documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Claims 5-15 and 27 (documents 1-5)

Attaching the non-contact IC tag to an article to be produced and recording various information such as production history or the like to the non-contact IC tag is common general technical knowledge as a production management technique, for example, as described in the aforesaid documents 3-5, and the object to be produced is merely set to be a diaper product. Moreover, referring to the production history by reading out the content of the non-contact IC tag, and reporting the defective state or the like are described especially in the aforesaid documents 4 and 5, none of which involve a technical inventive step.

Claims 16, 17 and 28 (documents 1, 2 and 6-9)

Originally, it is common general technical knowledge to employ the non-contact IC tag containing a lot of information instead of a bar code for individual identification management.

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Also, the aforesaid documents 6-8 cited in the ISR describe the technique which reads out the bar code attached to the wearer or the diaper, and performs the inventory update or order time management, and it does not appear to involve a special technical inventive step to employ the non-contact IC tag instead of the bar code.

In addition, the aforesaid document 9 cited in the ISR is a well known example wherein inventory management and order management are performed by the non-contact IC tag attached to the article.

Claims 18-26 (documents 1, 2, 6-8 and 10)

Reading out the bar code of the wearer and the diaper to perform the adaptability check is described in the aforesaid document 6, and the calculation of the charge amount is also described in the aforesaid documents 6, 7.

Moreover, the aforesaid document 10 cited in the ISR describes that the exchange time or the exchange pattern for the diaper is calculated from the wearing record of the collected diapers.